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**VITAL STATISTICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VSAC)  
VITAL RECORDS PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VRPAC)  
JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, October 14, 2015  
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
1616 Capitol Avenue, Sixth Floor  
Tuolumne Room 74.653

**AGENDA**

- A. Welcome
- B. Introductions and Announcements
- C. Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting
- D. State Registrar's Response to VSAC Recommendations—Attachment 1
- E. New Business—Attachment 2
- F. Recap of Data Requests Approved in the Health Information and Research Section—Attachment 3
- G. Public Comment
- H. Additional Discussion Topics
  - *CHSI Data Release Procedures*
- I. Adjournment

## **ATTACHMENT 1— STATE REGISTRAR TO VSAC RECOMMENDATIONS**

The following projects were reviewed by the Health Information and Research Section and require VSAC review and recommendation:

1. Project Title: Improving the Reporting of Race, Ethnicity, and Language in California  
Principal Investigator: David Zingmond, MD, University of California, Los Angeles  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: 2012 PDD Linked Birth File, 2010-2012 PDD Linked Death File  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
2. Project Title: Early Liver Transplantation for Acute Alcoholic Hepatitis  
Principal Investigator: Eitan Neidich, MD Candidate, University of California, San Francisco  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 2008-2011 PDD Linked Death Files  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
3. Project Title: Callbacks and Names  
Principal Investigator: Melissa Tartari, University of Chicago  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 1986 Birth Statistical Master File (Name)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
4. Project Title: Using CalEnviroScreen to Evaluate the Relationship Between Perchlorate and Thyroid Function in California Newborns  
Principal Investigator: Martin Kharrazi, PhD, CDPH-Environmental Health Investigations Branch  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: Requesting to use data they previously obtained: 2000-2003 Birth Statistical Master Files (Certificate Number and Address), 2009-2011 Birth Statistical Master Files (Certificate Number and Address), 2009-2011 Fetal Death Statistical Master Files (Certificate Number), 2009-2011 Death Statistical Master Files (Certificate Number and Address)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted



5. Project Title: Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD)  
Principal Investigator: Steven Jacobsen, MD, Kaiser Permanente  
Project Type: Continuing Project with No Changes to the Protocol  
Data Requested: 2012 Fetal Death Statistical Master File (Name and Certificate Number)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
6. Project Title: Cost Containment in WIC: Lessons from the California WIC Vendor Market  
Principal Investigator: Maya Rossin-Slater, PhD, University of California, Santa Barbara  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 2010-2013 Birth Statistical Master Files (No Personal Identifiers)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
7. Project Title: Cancer Genetics Research Information System (CGRIS)  
Principal Investigator: Hoda Anton-Culver, PhD, University of California, Irvine  
Project Type: Continuing Project with Changes to the Protocol  
Data Requested: 2012-2013 Death Statistical Master Files (Name, Certificate Number, SSN). PI is requesting to use files previously obtained.  
VSAC Recommendation: Recommend to approve with stipulation the applicant clarify CCR is the contractor doing the work within the VSAC application.  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
8. Project Title: Social Patterns in Naming Practices in the United States, 1990-2006  
Principal Investigator: Phech Colatat, PhD, Washington University in St. Louis  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 1990-2006 Birth Statistical Master File (Name and Address)  
VSAC Recommendation: Recommend to the State Registrar not to approve the application as submitted and the State Registrar ask the requestor to resubmit an application that is less individually identifiable and does not have confidential health information included.  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted
9. Project Title: Cancer Mortality by Asian and Hispanic Subgroup in California  
Principal Investigator: Paulo Pinheiro, PhD, University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 2008-2012 Death Statistical Master File (No Personal Identifiers)  
VSAC Recommendation: Approved  
State Registrar's Action: Adopted

## ATTACHMENT 2 - DISCUSSION ITEMS - NEW BUSINESS

The following projects were reviewed by the Health Information and Research Section and require VSAC review and recommendation:

1. Project Title: Prioritizing Cooling Infrastructure Investments for Vulnerable Southwest Populations  
Principal Investigator: David Eisenman, MD, University of California, Los Angeles  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: 2010-2012 Death Statistical Master File (Address and Certificate Number)
2. Project Title: The Path of Language and Literacy: A Cross Linguistic Longitudinal Approach  
Principal Investigator: Margaret Friend, PhD, San Diego State University  
Project Type: Continuing Project with No Changes to the Protocol  
Data Requested: 2014 Birth Statistical Master File (Name and Address), 2014 California Comprehensive Death File (Name, Address, Mother's Maiden Name)
3. Project Title: Mortality Differentials among Native Born, Documented and Undocumented Immigrants from Mexico in California, 1970-2013  
Principal Investigator: Ka Yuet Liu, PhD, University of California, Los Angeles  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 1970-2013 Death Statistical Master File (Name, Certificate Number, Address, SSN, and MMN)
4. Project Title: Impact of Economic Factors on Health Outcomes at Birth  
Principal Investigator: Margaret Shih, MD, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health  
Project Type: Continuing Project  
Data Requested: 1997-2010 Birth Statistical Master File (Name and Address), 1997-2010 Death Statistical Master File (Address). Note: PI is requesting to use data files previously obtained
5. Project Title: Autism Metabolomics and Environment (AIME)  
Principal Investigator: Beate Ritz, MD, PhD, University of California, Los Angeles  
Project Type: New Project  
Data Requested: 2000-2013 Birth Statistical Master File (Name, Certificate Number, Address) Note: PI is requesting to use data files previously obtained



**AGENDA ATTACHMENT 3—  
RECAP OF DATA REQUESTS APPROVED IN THE HEALTH INFORMATION AND  
RESEARCH SECTION**

**Death Data Requests**

1. Alameda County Public Health Department – 1979, 1980, 1981, 1989, 1990, 1991 Death
2. Sutter Health – 2011-2013 Death Index Files
3. UC San Francisco – 2009-2013 Death, 2006-2012 MCODE

**CDPH Data Requests**

1. Center for Infectious Diseases – 2012 Non-Public PDD
2. Immunization Branch - 2013 Non-Public PDD
3. Surveillance & Epidemiology – 2013 Non-Public PDD, 2013 Non-Public EDD
4. Environmental Health Investigations Branch – 2011-2013 Non-Public PDD, 2011 Non-Public ASCD, 2011-2012 Non-Public EDD
5. Division of Communicable Disease Control – 2012 Non-Public ASCD, 2011-2012 Non-Public PDD, 2011-2012 Non-Public EDD
6. Occupational Health Branch – 2011-2013 Non-Public EDD, 2011-2013 Non-Public ASCD, 2011-2012 Non-Public EDD
7. MCAH – 2011-2013 Non-Public PDD
8. Chronic Disease Control Branch – 2012-2013 Non-Public PDD, 2012-2013 Non-Public EDD, 2012-2013 Non-Public ASCD
9. Cancer Surveillance & Research Branch – 2011-2013 Non-Public PDD, 2011-2012 Non-Public EDD, 2011-2012 Non-Public ASCD
10. Occupational Health Branch – 2011-2012 Non-Public PDD, 2013 Non-Public ASCD
11. Injury Surveillance and Epidemiology – SAC – 2011-2012 Non-Public EDD, 2011-2013 Non-Public PDD
12. Infectious Diseases Branch – 2011-2012 Non-Public PDD
13. STD Branch – 2011 Non-Public EDD
14. Infectious Disease Branch – 2011-2012 Non-Public EDD, 2011-2012 PDD
15. California Heart & Stroke Prevention Program – 2011 Non-Public PDD, 2011 Non-Public EDD, 2011 Non-Public ASCD
16. Network for a Healthy California - 2012 Non-Public PDD
17. Infectious Disease Branch – 2011-2012 Non-Public EDD, 2011-2013 Non-Public PDD
18. Occupational Health Branch – 2014 Non-Public PDD, 2014 Non-Public EDD, 2014 Non-Public ASCD
19. Environmental Epidemiology – 2013 Non-Public PDD, 2013, Non-Public EDD